

- (b) if so, the steps taken to fulfil his assurance;
- (c) whether Tripura Government has submitted any project for the development of Tripura University; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Tripura University has been set up by an Act of the Legislature of Tripura and it is, therefore, primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate Plan and Non-Plan grants for the University. UGC, however, provides development grants, in accordance with the prescribed norms and pattern of assistance, to the eligible State Universities under various schemes programmes. The proposal submitted by Tripura University for allocation of requisite funds has been forwarded to UGC for appropriate consideration in the light of guidelines framed for the purpose for the 9th Plan period.

Air Services to Vizag

1947. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether consequent upon the industrialisation of Visakhapatnam, there would be more air and air cargo services to Vizag apart from night landing facilities in the local airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Operation of air services, either passenger or cargo, is decided by the airlines, keeping in view the traffic potential/economic viability. Vishakapatnam airport belongs to the Ministry of Defence and Airports Authority has no plans to provide night landing facilities at this airport.

Failure of Trishul

1948. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian missile development programme suffered a setback with the failure of Trishul surface to air missile;

(b) if so, the reasons for its failure;

(c) the total amount spent so far on this project;

(d) whether Russian made Tar Bak S-300 missile are cheaper than the amount spent so far on this project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government are considering a second thought on the project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Trishul is a command guided surface to air missile, with quick reaction and electroic counter measure capabilities, with state-of-the-art technology. It has number of subsystems and ground complex. These have been realised successfully. So far, 33 flight tests have been carried out with important results. Integrated flight system trials have commenced and will be continued till the system is offered for user trials. The missile system will be ready for production in 1998.

(c) The total amount spent on Trishul development so far is Rs. 104 crore.

(d) and (e) S-300, Tar and Trishul are different class of missiles. S-300 is 150 km range theatre defence missile, Tar is a vertical launched short range (12 km) theatre defence missile, whereas Trishul is a quick reaction short range (9 km) missile to be used against aircrafts. Comparison of these three systems is not correct.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Harapan Culture at Dholavira

1949. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Archeological Survey of India has done a commendable work in finding and developing the Harapan culture at Dholavira in Kutch in Gujarat;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken up the site on its tourism map of the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a great need for creating infrastructure for tourism facilities there; and

(d) if so, the details of the Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) The Department of Tourism has prioritised a project to provide Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 28 lakhs during 1997-98 for the creation of tourist facilities at Dholavira.

Criteria for Recruitment

1950. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the IITs are following uniform criteria for recruitment; and

(b) if not, the various criteria followed by different IITs for recruitment to various categories of posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The basis of recruitment to various posts through Open Selection is uniform in all the IITs. For all direct recruitments, positions are advertised and selections are made on the recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committees.

Development of Anti-Submarine Torpedo

1951. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has successfully completed an indigenous development of anti-submarine torpedo which is an improvement on the Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to take off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) The indigenous anti-submarine torpedo namely Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET) is in the final stage of development. It is expected to be inducted into the Navy by 1999. Preplanned product improvement is a continuous process.

Srirama Sagar Project

1952. SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government prepared an ambitious plan to complete the Srirama Sagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal under the Andhra Pradesh III irrigation project;

(b) whether the World Bank has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1,300 crores for these projects;

(c) if so, the time likely to be taken to complete these projects; and

(d) the amount provided so far by the World Bank to the State Government for implementing these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Under the Agreement dated 3.6.1997 The World Bank has agreed to provide an assistance of US \$ 325 Million for Third Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project comprising of Srirama-Sagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal subprojects. The credit closing date is 31.1.2003. So far no money has been utilized as the project is effective from 3.7.97.

Operation of Air India's Flight

1953. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :

SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

SHRI ANIL BASU :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are persistent demand to introduce direct flights from Calcutta to Hong Kong, Germany, Canada, Italy, USA, Indonesia and African countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Air India's flights to the above countries are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Requests are received from time to time for operation of direct flights from Calcutta to various international destinations.

(b) and (c) Currently Air India operates direct flights to Bangkok and Tokyo from Calcutta. Air India is at present unable to further augment international operations from Calcutta due to shortage of aircraft capacity. The situation is being monitored constantly and will be reviewed as and when additional capacity becomes available.

[Translation]

Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission

1954. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts of Madhya Pradesh in which 'Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission' is being implemented and the total financial provision made for each district for the year 1996-97, 1997-98;

(b) whether any evaluation has been made in regard to the work accomplished under the Shiksha Mission in the wake of the complaints to the effect that the purpose for which the mission had been started, is not being served and the financial provisions are being misused;

(c) whether the services of existing Primary and Middle School teachers are being availed for the programme meant for educating the adults under Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission and as a result, the studies of boys and girls are being affected; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to improve the above condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Rajiv Gandhi Prathmik Shiksha Mission is the Society which is implementing District Primary Education